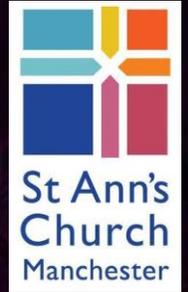


The Promise and the Gift



Sunday Celebration

¶ Gathering

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Sydwell Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Hymn

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert

A Collect for Dedication Festival

Nigel God of holiness and love,
you have set us in the city
as a sign of your kingdom:
build us by your Spirit
to be a living temple
where you dwell among your people
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Genesis – the Grand Narrative: Rivalry and Betrayal

Canon Nigel Ashworth

¶ Word and Prayer

The Reading from Genesis – Read by Phil Whitaker

Genesis 28.10-19

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Phil
All

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Dreaming of heaven
and building on earth**
Canon Nigel Ashworth



Anthem Choir of St Ann's

*The choir have prepared the anthem 'Locus iste' by Anton Bruckner.
The text is as follows:*

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inæstimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*[This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproof.]* cf Genesis 28.16

Gospel Reading read by Stacy Fox-Manning

Stacy
All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13.24-30

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Stacy
All

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The wisdom of waiting

An introduction to a recent video by the Archdeacon of Salford

Canon Nigel Ashworth

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsFSEZof3qs&t=15s

Responding in Prayer

Prayers are led by the Revd Sydwel Isaac. The following response is used:

Sydwel Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

Nigel introduces the Peace and says

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace together.

¶ Ending

Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart, trans Catherine Winkworth

The Blessing

Sydwell

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace,
now and always.
Amen.

Voluntary

*The service concludes with a voluntary played
by Simon Passmore. It is JS Bach's 'Nun
danket alle Gott', BWV 657.*

*Please come back after the music to greet other
worshippers.*